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SUBJ: BAHAMAS PRICES COMMISSION VISIT TO US

FOR CU/IVS AND ARA/CAR

1. THE GCOB'S PRICES COMMISSION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRICE CONTROLS AND CONSUMER EDUCATION, REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP A PROGRAM FOR A VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND POSSIBLY NEW YORK. EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO SPEND FIVE WORKING DAYS IN EARLY NOVEMBER MEETING WITH US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHERS KNOWLEGABLE IN MATTERS RELATED TO PRICE CONTROLS AND CONSUMER EDUCATION. SPECIFICALLY, THE GROUP IS INTERESTED IN STUDYING THE WORKINGS OF THE COST OF LIVING COUNCIL, OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS IN HEW, AND A STATE OR CITY LEVEL CONSUMER AFFAIRS OFFICE SUCH AS IN NEW YORK CITY. THE COMMISSION ALSO ASKED IF AN APPOINTMENT COULD BE ARRANGED WITH A COMPETENT ECONOMIST TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF DEALING WITH INFLATION IN A COUNTRY THAT DEPENDS ALMOST TOTALLY ON IMPORTS FOR ITS FOOD AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF SUCH A PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED SO THAT SPECIFIC DATES CAN BE SET. THE COMMISSION ALSO ASKED IF DEPARTMENT COULD ARRANGE REDUCED RATE ACCOMMODATIONS OR AT LEAST SUGGEST SUITABLE INEXPENSIVE HOTELS.

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